

Jerry Pino and thank him for the contributions he has made to the community police department of Pueblo, Colorado. Jerry recently retired after twenty-five years with the Pueblo police force, and today I would like to honor his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Jerry joined the department in 1978 after leaving the U.S. Marine Corps, and earned his promotion to sergeant in 1994. In the course of his career, Jerry won three commendations for his actions on the job, catching two armed robbery suspects by anticipating their escape route and almost single-handedly unraveling a theft ring. Just this past year, Jerry saved the life of an eighty-four year old woman when he found her collapsed just outside her apartment in freezing weather. As a former police officer myself, I know of the dedicated service, long hours and unrivaled commitment that our law enforcement officers give to their communities. Jerry's twenty-five years of service exemplify this dedication.

Mr. Speaker it is a great privilege to honor Sergeant Jerry Pino and wish him the best as he leaves the Pueblo Police Department. He has been an effective officer and an integral part of the police force for twenty-five years. Jerry, thank you for your dedicated service.

GERRY McNAMARA MAKES NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA PROUD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the key role that Gerry McNamara of Scranton played in the outstanding season of the Syracuse University men's basketball team, culminating in their winning the NCAA championship Monday.

For example, he scored 18 of the team's 81 points in the title game. Clearly, the phrase "just a freshman" does not apply to him, and he certainly earned the honor of being named to the Final Four All-Tournament Team. He was also a unanimous selection to the Big East All-Rookie Team, which is selected by the league's head coaches.

By helping lead his collegiate team to victory, Mr. McNamara is continuing his outstanding record from Bishop Hannan High School, where he set records and led the team as it won the state Class AA championship last year. Before that, he led the Holy Rosary team to a Catholic Youth Organization title in the eighth grade.

Those who know Mr. McNamara's history from Scranton were not at all surprised by how well he has played at the national level.

Mr. Speaker, Gerry McNamara has continued to make Scranton and Northeastern Pennsylvania proud. I expect we will see more great things from this fine young man in years to come, and I send my congratulations to him and his family and friends.

IN HONOR OF KUP'S COLUMN ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article by Steve Neal, a political editor for the Chicago Sun Times. The article, entitled Kup's column turns 60—and still going strong, is about Irv Kupcinec, the greatest and most influential columnist that Chicago has ever had, and one of the most influential columnists in the history of America.

Steve Neal wrote the following:

He is without peer.

Irv Kupcinec, who is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his column, is one of the more durable institutions in the history of American journalism. "Kup's Column," which started in January 1943, is the nation's longest running newspaper column.

"He'll delve into every phase of local enterprise and activity . . . business, politics, nightclubs, the theater, sportsband . . ." the old Chicago Times announced in a house ad. "Intimate, sprightly, his column will be brimming over with names that make news."

In his first item, Kup reported that Irving Berlin berated the cast of his musical revue, "This is The Army," after a published report that they tired of the road tour and wanted to resume their military duties.

Kup also disclosed that state Sen. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz (D-Chicago) was about to enlist in the Marines, and that comedian Joe E. Lewis, who was then performing at the Chez Paree, would soon be embarking for North Africa to entertain U.S. troops.

In looking back, Kup says that first six months of the column were the most difficult. But then he soon found a voice and went on to become one of the nation's more influential columnists.

He has appeared as a character in a Saul Bellow novel and two of Otto Preminger's classic films. Kup is the only living Chicago journalist to have a bridge named after him. The Kupcinec Bridge is on Wabash Avenue over the Chicago River.

His success is no accident. Kup is a man of incredible drive and energy. He is fair, honest, accurate, and has more contacts than anyone else in the newspaper game.

He met with future President Gerald R. Ford when they were teammates on the 1935 College All-Star football team. Kup, a quarterback who played at North Dakota and later for the Philadelphia Eagles, stood behind Ford, a center for the University of Michigan.

"I have a somewhat different view of the president of the United States," Kup later remarked.

"I've always liked Kup," Ford told me in a 1996 interview at his home in Vail, Colo. "He's a good friend and a darned good reporter. One of the best."

Kup loves Jerry Ford. But his favorite president is Harry Truman, whom he met when Truman was about to be nominated for the vice presidency at the 1944 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He gave Kup a card on which he wrote: "Kup, you're entitled to admission, the front door and the back door is always open."

Truman's portrait still hangs behind Kup's desk at the Chicago Sun-Times. Clifton Truman Daniel, the late president's grandson, said Truman felt a bond with the Chicago newsman because "they were both straight shooters and were comfortable with each other."

In the final stretch of the 1948 presidential campaign, when Truman was trailing in the polls, he told Kup: "I'm out slugging doing the best that I can. No man can do more."

Kup may have been the only columnist in America who gave Truman a chance to win. Truman later confided to Kup that the reason he fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War was that MacArthur "wanted to use the atomic bomb against the Chinese."

It was Kup who got the scoop when Truman decided not to seek re-election in 1952. Kup also accurately predicted that Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson would be drafted that year as the Democratic presidential nominee.

At the 1956 Democratic National Convention, Kup noted that the young John F. Kennedy was the "brightest young hope to emerge from the conclave."

Kup championed civil rights in his column and provided a forum for such voices of freedom as the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

When Bill Clinton won the presidency, Kup was among the strongest advocates for lifting the barrier against gays in the military. Kup also supported Truman when he issued his executive order to desegregate the armed services.

Kup is probably more identified with Frank Sinatra, than any other show business personality. A half a century ago, Sinatra won the Academy Award for his role in "From Heaven to Eternity." Kup persuaded Harry Cohn of Columbia Pictures to give Sinatra this part.

It should be noted that Stella Foster, Kup's associate for 34 years, is a major contributor to the success of the column. Kup's late wife, Essee, also was an integral part of the column.

On May 18, a celebration of Kup's 60th anniversary will be held at the Hilton Chicago. The proceeds will go to the Chicago Academy for the Arts. Larry King is scheduled to be the master of ceremonies.

Playboy Chief Executive Officer Christie Hefner and her husband, former state Sen. William A. Marovitz, are cochairing this special event with Kup's grandchildren, David Kupcinec and Kari Kupcinec-Kriser. For more information, call (312) 595-1400.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHARLIE NATHANIEL HALL, SR.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Charlie Nathaniel Hall, Sr. Mr. Hall was born and raised in my hometown of Newark, New Jersey and has become a very active member within the community.

Attending public schools in Newark, Mr. Hall went on to earn an art degree from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, with a concentration in Product Design. While there Mr. Hall was also a member of the Gamma Delta Phi Fraternity and worked part-time in downtown Newark, where he earned the reputation of a "laborer".

Mr. Hall's ability to grasp and handle multiple tasks sent him through the ranks and earned him the Vice-Presidency of Local 108 in 1984. He was eventually elected President of the Local Union in 1989 and served until

1998. Later in that same year he would be elected vice-president of the UFCW. Working in all aspects of these organizations, Mr. Hall is an integral component of the development and success of all organizations with which he works. He is currently President Emeritus of Local 108, RWDSU.

In addition to being an active member in the Labor movement, Mr. Hall is also very active within the community, working with the Young Businessmen's Association of Newark as well as the Benevolent Protective Order of Reindeer, Inc. His contributions to the community are innumerable, and I am thankful to stand here today to recognize his work.

As Mr. Hall gathers with family and friends to celebrate his long and successful career, I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing his substantial contributions and in wishing him the very best as he pursues other endeavors.

HONORING MIKE DAVIS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mike Davis of Pueblo, Colorado. As the president of Pueblo Community College, he has done much to promote the importance of higher education in my district, and today I would like to highlight his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Mike worked as a clinical social worker before entering academia as an instructor at Vincennes University in Indiana, the community college where he earned an associate's degree in psychology in 1972. Taking on increasing leadership roles at Vincennes, Mike eventually earned a doctorate in higher education administration. He came to Pueblo from Indiana to serve as PCC's executive vice president in 2000, assuming the job of president in 2001.

As a community college graduate himself, Mike understands the pivotal role these institutions play in the intellectual development of his students. As president of PCC, Mike has been an exceptional supporter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society that promotes scholarship and a lively intellectual climate among students at two-year colleges. Mike will receive the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction from Phi Theta Kappa for his support of the society and its PCC chapter.

Mr. Speaker, our nation's community colleges are learning centers for a wide variety of students, helping them to achieve their goals. Mike Davis encourages high standards for intellectual achievement in the academic community he heads, and his support for Phi Theta Kappa is only one measure of that support. It is a great privilege to salute Mike before this body of Congress and this nation for his achievements as both a teacher and a community leader.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND
WILDLIFE—PERSPECTIVE FROM
WYOMING

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, this week the House will be debating major legislation to revise our national policies regarding energy.

There are many aspects to that debate. One that must not be overlooked is the need to balance energy development on Federal lands with the other resources, values, and uses of those lands. Colorado and the other Rocky Mountain states have a great stake in that part of the debate—something that was well illustrated by a recent article by one of our neighbors, Ted Kerasote, entitled "Wyoming Lives Uneasily with Big Game and Big Equipment."

For the benefit of our colleagues, I am attaching that article:

[From the Writers on the Range]

WYOMING LIVES UNEASILY WITH BIG GAME
AND BIG EQUIPMENT

(By Ted Kerasote)

As meat lockers go, this corner of northwestern Wyoming is one of the prettiest on earth. Behind me, as I sit on this sage-covered bluff, is a great horseshoe of snow-dusted peaks: the Wind Rivers, the Gros Ventres, the Wyoming Range. Ahead lies the Upper Green River Valley: empty, vast and skeined with moving lines of pronghorn antelope.

Twice each year, these herds move south to their winter range and return north to summer forage. Some of these antelope routinely trek 200 miles to Grand Teton National Park, making their particular migration the longest undertaken by any mammal in the Lower 48.

In addition to the 32,000 pronghorn out here, there's also 48,000 mule deer, some of them moving upwards of a hundred miles to reach the surrounding national forests and their summer haunts. Now and then I see some of the 8,000 elk that seep down from the high country, and there's rarely a morning when, walking across these hills and draws, I don't flush a covey of sage grouse.

The size of small turkeys, the birds stop my heart when they burst directly from beneath my feet.

With the quarters of one antelope already on ice, I'm sitting up here and looking for another; in fact, two. Like many people in Wyoming, I haven't eaten farm-raised meat in decades. Three antelope, one elk and a variety of grouse, ducks, and geese feed my family and me, and the friends who help with the packing, from fall to fall. It's one of the blessings of living amid lots of publicly owned land: Food is inexpensive, healthy and fills the soul while it's gathered.

Or so it's been until recently.

Today, when I look south, I can see several pickup trucks leaving dust plumes, here and there an ATV skittering through the sage, men erecting airdials on hilltops, and a line of enormous "thumper trucks," big as tanks, rumbling their slow way across the landscape. Overhead, helicopters flash as they tend seismic equipment that read what lies below. The antelope, trying to negotiate this gantlet, rush helter-skelter from thumper truck to hovering helicopter and back.

Natural gas happens to be one of the other blessings of these public lands. The Bureau of Land Management has already permitted

3,090 wells in what's called the Pinedale Resource Area, with many more on the way. In fact, with the Bush administration's push to fast-track the production of domestic energy resources, the BLM has exceeded the number of wells permitted by its 1988 Resource Management Plan. It's now in the midst of writing a new one, which will decide the fate of the Upper Green's wildlife for next 15 to 20 years.

I suspect that many hunters in the basin (2,600 go after antelope, 7,300 after mule deer, and 7,600 after elk) feel about the way I do: We all use natural gas, but we're not willing to extract it at the expense of the region's wildlife. So what I've been saying to the BLM is this: Protect the land critical to these animals in winter; make it off-limits to anything that might disturb it.

The animals' transitional habitat needs to be protected as well. That's all the country antelope and deer use for food and rest while on their migrations to and from their summer and winter ranges. Anyone who has spent some time in this basin has probably noticed the passages through which deer and antelope have migrated for millennia, some of them only a half-mile wide. These bottlenecks need to be safeguarded.

The Bureau of Land Management also needs to recognize that more than energy development is taking place out here. Private lands are being subdivided even as some livestock grazing continues, and an ever-increasing number of recreationists—from hunters and anglers to snowmobilers and ATVers—use roads and trails and everything in between.

What I'm describing, of course, are cumulative impacts—something the federal agency has done a poor job of adding up. The current resource plan, in fact, lacks such an analysis. Most of all, what I keep asking of our federal land managers is caution: Let's find out what's happening to wildlife before we permit more gas well development.

Today, though, I have nothing left to say. Thumper trucks shaking the ground approach my bluff, and I head back to the car, looking for some undisturbed bit of country. These days in the Upper Green, it is getting harder and harder to find.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes. Had I been present for rollcall votes 105, 109, 110, and 111, I would have voted the following way: rollcall Vote No. 105: "nay;" rollcall Vote No. 109: "yea;" rollcall Vote No. 110: "yea;" rollcall Vote No. 111: "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Votes Nos. 109, 110, and 111, I was unavoidably detained with important matters in my district.

As a result, I was unable to cast a vote on the measure to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office